

# Kevin J. Mullinix

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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

*Assistant Professor*: Appalachian State University (Fall 2015-Present)

*Institute for Policy Research Graduate Fellow*: Northwestern University (2012-2014)

## EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science, Northwestern University (2015)

Dissertation: The Scope of the ‘Perceptual Screen’: Partisanship and Preference Formation  
Committee: James N. Druckman (Chair), Yanna Krupnikov, and Georgia Kernell  
Fields: American, Methods

M.A. Political Science, Northwestern University (2013)

M.A. Political Science, University of Kansas (2011)

Thesis: “An Analysis of Presidential Campaign Debates and Motivated Reasoning.”  
Committee: Mark Joslyn (Chair), Donald Haider-Markel, and Michael Lynch.  
Fields: American, Public Policy

B.A. Political Science, Washburn University (2008)

Thesis: “A Policy Based on Emotion and Not Results.”  
Advisor: Loran Smith

## PRIMARY RESEARCH INTERESTS

American Politics (Political Behavior, Public Opinion, Political Psychology, Political Communication)  
Research Methodology (Causal Inference, Experimental Methods, Content Analysis)

## PUBLICATIONS

Mullinix, Kevin J. “Civic Duty and Political Preference Formation.” Forthcoming. *Political Research Quarterly*.

Kernell, Georgia and Kevin J. Mullinix. Conditional Accept. “Winners, Losers, and Perceptions of Vote (Mis)Counting.” *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*.

Druckman, James N., Adam J. Howat, and Kevin J. Mullinix. Forthcoming. “Graduate Advising in Experimental Research Groups.” *PS: Political Science & Politics*.

Mullinix, Kevin J. 2016. "Partisanship and Preference Formation: Elite Polarization, Issue Importance, and Competing Motivations." *Political Behavior*. 38(2): 383-411.

Discussed in the London School of Economics' blog (April 2017).

Robison, Joshua and Kevin J. Mullinix. 2016. "Elite Polarization and Public Opinion: How Polarization is Communicated and its Effects." *Political Communication*. 33(2): 261-282.

Mullinix, Kevin J., Thomas J. Leeper, Jeremy Freese, and James N. Druckman. 2015. "The Generalizability of Survey Experiments." *Journal of Experimental Political Science*. 2(2): 109-138.

An earlier version of the this paper received the 2015: *American Political Science Association, Best Paper Award, Experimental Research*

Discussed on the Washington Post's the Monkey Cage (March 2016).  
Discussed in the London School of Economics' blog (January 2016).

Mullinix, Kevin J. 2015. "Presidential Debates, Partisan Motivations, and Political Interest." *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 45(2): 270-288.

Druckman, James N., Thomas J. Leeper, and Kevin J. Mullinix. 2014. "The Experimental Study of Legislative Behavior." *Oxford Handbook of Legislative Studies*. Oxford, Oxford University Press, 194-212.

Sharp, Elaine B. and Kevin J. Mullinix. 2012. "Holding Their Feet to the Fire: Explaining Variation in City Governments' Use of Controls on Economic Development Subsidies." *Economic Development Quarterly*. 26: 138-150.

Mullinix, Kevin J. 2011. "Lingering Debates and Innovative Advances: The State of Public Opinion Research." *The Policy Studies Journal*. 39(No. S1), pp. 61-76.

## **WORK UNDER REVIEW**

Chong, Dennis and Kevin J. Mullinix. "Information and Issue Constraints on the Influence of Partisan Cues." Under Review.

Miles, Matthew R. and Kevin J. Mullinix. "(Un) Informed Voting: A Test of Compulsory Voting." Under Review.

Mullinix, Kevin J. and Robert Norris. "Pulled Over Rates, Causal Attributions, and Trust in Police." Under Review.

## **OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

Mullinix, Kevin J. and Thomas J. Leeper. Forthcoming. "Motivated Reasoning." *Oxford Bibliographies in Political Science*.

Mullinix, Kevin J. Forthcoming. Book review for Arthur Lupia's *Uninformed: Why people know so little about politics and what we can do about it*. In *Public Opinion Quarterly*.

## **WORKING PAPERS**

Brader, Ted, Yanna Krupnikov, Adam Seth Levine, and Kevin J. Mullinix. "Deception and Experimental Validity."

Key, Ellen and Kevin J. Mullinix. "Attacking the Courts and Perceptions of Legitimacy."

Key, Ellen and Kevin J. Mullinix. "Author Gender and Op-ed Evaluations."

Mullinix, Kevin J. "The Deleterious Consequences of Military Advertisements."

## **GRANTS & AWARDS**

Appalachian State University, *Outstanding Professor, College of Arts and Sciences* (2016-2017)

Appalachian State University, Summer Research Grant, **\$2,500** (2017)

Appalachian State University, Office of Student Research grant, **\$1,000** (2016)

Appalachian State University, University Research Council (URC) grant, **\$4,712** (2016)

American Political Science Association, *Best Paper Award, Experimental Research* (2015)

Northwestern University, Political Science Research Grant, **\$1,100** (2014)

National Science Foundation: Time Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences. ~**\$17,000** (2013)

Northwestern University, Graduate School Research Grant, **\$3,000** (2013)

National Science Foundation (Grant SES-0818839): Time Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences. ~**\$17,000** (2012)

University of Kansas Research Grant, **\$1,500** (2011)

University of Kansas Walter Thompson Graduate Student Scholarship recipient, **\$2,500** (2009)

## **TEACHING**

*Assistant Professor*

*Appalachian State University*

American National Government & Politics

Public Opinion

Political Psychology

Voting, Campaigns, and Elections

Surveys and Experiments

Political Behavior (Graduate)

*Adjunct Instructor*

*Metropolitan Community College, Kansas City, MO.*

Introduction to American Government (June 2011 to July 2011)

*Teaching and Research Advisor*

*University of Kansas*

McNair Scholars Program and Upward Bound (2011)

*Graduate Teaching Assistant*

*Department of Political Science, University of Kansas*

Political Science Methods of Inquiry: upper-division undergraduate introduction to research methodology (August 2010 to May 2011)

Introduction to U.S. Politics (August 2009 to May 2010)

**ADVISING**

Richard N. Henson Outstanding Advisor Nominee, Appalachian State University (2016)

*Appalachian State University Theses Committees*

Julie Blakesmith, Undergraduate Honors Thesis (2016)

Brandon Paul, Undergraduate Honors Thesis (2016)

**RELATED EXPERIENCE**

*Research Assistant*

Time Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS)

Dr. Jeremy Freese, Department of Sociology, Northwestern (August 2012 to 2015)

*Research Assistant*

Dr. James N. Druckman, Department of Political Science, Northwestern (May 2011 to 2015)

*Research Assistant*

Dr. Elaine B. Sharp, Department of Political Science, University of Kansas (December 2010 to February 2011)

*Legislative Staffer*, Kansas Senate (January 2007 to May 2008)

*Legislative Intern*, Kansas House of Representatives (January 2006 to May 2006)

**CONFERENCES PAPERS**

“Partisan Influence, Information, and the Possibility of Error Correction.” With Dennis Chong. *American Political Science Association*, 2017.

“The Replicability of Heterogeneous Treatment Effect Estimates Across Samples.” With Alexander Coppock and Thomas J. Leeper. *American Political Science Association*, 2017.

“Pulled-Over Rates, Causal Attributions, and Trust in Police.” *Midwest Political Science Association*, 2017.

“Issue and Information Constraints on the Influence of Partisan Cues.” *American Political Science Association*, 2016.

“Civic Duty and Political Preference Formation.” *Midwest Political Science Association*, 2016.

“Issue and Information Constraints on the Influence of Partisan Cues.” *Midwest Political Science Association*, 2015.

“What if You Had Done Things Differently? Testing the Generalizability of Framing Effects with Parallel Experiments.” With Thomas J. Leeper. *American Political Science Association*, 2014.

“To Whom, and With What Effect? Parallel Experiments on Framing.” With Thomas J. Leeper. *Midwest Political Science Association*, 2014.

“The Scope and Significance of the ‘Perceptual Screen.’” With Georgia Kernell. *Midwest Political Science Association*, 2013.

“Motivated Reasoning and Presidential Debates.” *Midwest Political Science Association*, 2012.

“Holding Their Feet to the Fire: Explaining Variation in City Governments’ Use of Controls on Economic Development Subsidies.” *Midwest Political Science Association*, 2011.

## **INVITED TALKS**

Mullinix, Kevin J. “When Convenience Samples Yield Generalizable Estimates in Social Science Experiments.” Paper co-authored with Jeremy Freese and James Druckman. Washington University in St. Louis *The American Panel Survey Workshop*. Nov. 8-9, 2013.

## **SERVICE**

Reviewer for: *American Journal of Political Science*, *The Journal of Politics*, *National Science Foundation*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Communication*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *Political Psychology*, *PS: Political Science & Politics*, *Politics & Policy*, *Time Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS)*, *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, *Urban Affairs Review*, *Policy Studies Journal*, *Journal of Political Science*, *Research and Politics*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of European Social Policy*, *Political Science Research Methods*, *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*, *American Politics Research*

*Presentations for Community and University Groups*  
Blowing Rock Country Club (Fall 2016)  
High Country Life Long Learners (Fall 2015)

## **MEDIA AND BLOGS**

“Political Parties Shape Public Opinion, but their Influence is Limited.” *London School of Economics blog*. 4/18/2017. <http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/usappblog/2017/04/18/political-parties-shape-public-opinion-but-their-influence-is-limited/>

“Does Social Science have a Replication Crisis?” *The Washington Post, Monkey Cage*. 3/9/2016. [https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2016/03/09/does-social-science-have-a-replication-crisis/?utm\\_term=.c533ed027c6d](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2016/03/09/does-social-science-have-a-replication-crisis/?utm_term=.c533ed027c6d)

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

American Political Science Association (2013-Present)

Midwest Political Science Association (2010- Present)